



**In memoriam: Joan Hanigan Ryder
June 29, 1927 – July 30, 2006**

We are saddened by the passing of Joan Ryder, who served many years on the LGLC's advisory board. With her husband, John K. "Jack" Ryder, a founding trustee of the LGLC, Joan encouraged and inspired our work with her passion for the protection of Lake George. Joan's kindness and enthusiasm will be greatly missed by all of us here at the LGLC. A tribute to Joan by the Lake George Mirror, below, reveals the depth to which she touched the lake community.

EDITORIAL.

Honoring Joan Ryder



At the Lake George Land Conservancy's annual Land and Water Celebration on July 31, one thing was missing: the ebullient spirit of Joan Ryder. A longtime trustee of the Conservancy, Ryder died on July 30. As a trustee of the Conservancy, a member of the vestry of the Church of Saint Sacrament in Bolton Landing and an officer of the Garden Club of Lake George, among many other posts, Joan Ryder was someone who won support for her causes by communicating her own enthusiasm. Responsibilities never appeared to be a burden to her, but rather, a gift to be enjoyed and shared with the people she deemed equal to them. By opening her doors for others, she unobtrusively educated people about the things she held most important, and thereby ensured that her causes would continue to grow in strength and support. A 1949 graduate of St. Lawrence

University, Joan Ryder obviously found deep satisfaction in the career that was shaped for her by her marriage to Jack Ryder, a career naval officer, and as a mother and grandmother. We hope that her generation of women is not so distant that women of her children's and grandchildren's generations will not be inspired by her example, for our communities will be much diminished without leaders like Joan Ryder. Her kindness and humor, though, will be difficult to equal. Her family has our deepest sympathies. Many of Joan Ryder's friends and admirers are honoring her memory through donations to the Lake George Land Conservancy. Anyone wishing to make similar donations can send them to the Conservancy at P.O. Box 1250, Bolton Landing, NY.

--Lake George Mirror, August 11, 2006